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Gone but not forgotten DEATHS OF 2016

Iva A. Lundy (12/8/35-1/3/16)
Eugene "Geno" A. Spaulding (11/25/55-1/5/16)
Randy R. Bates (3/12/61-1/8/16)
Terry Norman Winger (9/26/51-1/8/16)
Deborah Hedrick (4/28/61-1/10/16)
Dewey E. Weaver (6/19/27-1/10/16)
Lester Eugene Gammon (12/17/37-1/10/16)
Wilma Louise Albright (2/14/31-1/11/16)
Sarah Margaret (Margie) Waggner (3/4/27-1/15/16)
Michael Lee Axsom (3/17/52-1/17/16)
Rev. Paul Dean Keys (8/27/39-1/19/16)
Stormy Rain Aldrich (3/28/93-1/20/16)
Carl W. Carrico (9/19/51-1/21/16)
Sherri Kaye Holt (2/23/59-1/21/16)
Dorothy Kavanaugh (5/6/33-1/21/16)
Forrest R. "Roger" Pendley (7/10/31-1/25/16)
Adelita F. Bleemel (11/26/2013-1/27/2016)
Marveta K. Baker (3/31/51-1/28/16)
Walter H. Brown (6/17/1916-1/29/2016)
Virginia D. (Holt) Earl (8/23/33-1/29/16)
Richard Lee Yowell (7/11/28-2/3/16)
John Addison "Johnny" McGuire III (6/9/63-2/5/16)
Catherine M. Wildman (2/7/25-2/7/16)
Ray L. Combs (2/21/61-2/11/16)
Alice Faye Stone (1/15/50-2/11/16)
Freddie P. "Buddy" Dickey (1/9/39-2/13/16)
Roberta Joyce (Hawkins) Ervin (6/2/24-2/20/16)
Mary Jane Tow (1/13/40-2/20/16)
Madison C. Wagler (3/3/96-2/20/16)
Thelma Louise Phillips (2/25/23-2/24/16)
Frederick M. Doyle (3/2/49-2/26/16)
Judith Ann Gerkin (2/6/48-2/27/16)
Stephen W. Hoffman (7/29/50-2/27/16)
Randall J. Strange (3/8/70-3/4/16)
Catherine "Jeanne" Mattingly (2/12/28-3/6/16)
Dennis William Miller (6/22/59-3/13/16)
Rosamary H. Street (6/17/40-3/14/16)
James D. Tharp (12/24/65-3/15/16)
Edwin Dale Graber (7/29/35-3/16/16)
Ralph Willis Wilson (10/7/34-3/17/16)
Wilbur "Dale" Wagler (8/24/42-3/19/16)
Doris M. Traylor (8/23/23-3/21/16)
Etta Marie Bates (9/15/37-3/25/16)
Frances Kay (Lee) Holt (10/21/42-3/26/16)
Norma Jean (Price) Woods (9/12/28-3/26/16)
Patricia Joann Collins (11/23/32-4/3/16)
Catherine Winkler (2/2/23-4/11/16)
Anna Mae (Swartzentruber) Knepp (11/7/27-4/17/16)
Charlie Bill Keller (12/30/52-4/20/16)
Phillip Claude Quinn (3/20/35-4/22/16)
Raymond Beyers (4/14/44-4/23/16)

Wanda Lee Harding (3/9/33-4/25/16)
Beverly Ann Mattingly Horst (3/8/36-4/25/16)
Charles E. "Ed" Greenwell (7/24/52-4/26/16)
LCDR Robert D. Howell Sr. (4/25/38-4/28/16)
Mervin Leroy Lengacher (11/19/32-4/28/16)
Amanda (Knepp) Yoder (5/6/31-5/6/16)
Donna (Speed) Barrow (9/27/43-5/11/16)
Clyde L. "Whitey" Hawkins (7/19/26-5/12/16)
Logan W. Craney (11/18/91-5/13/16)
Mary Ellen Albright (7/17/32-5/16/16)
Virginia Iree Jones Harper (11/9/26-5/17/16)
David H. Tanner (10/29/46-5/18/16)
Mary A. Walton (10/17/29-5/18/16)
Iris Jean Cobb (9/27/31-5/21/16)
Darlene (Hovis) Eastridge (6/21/28-5/22/16)
Frank P. (Buddy) Bledsoe, Jr. (1/8/38-5/25/16)
Helen A. Pielemeier (8/12/24-5/26/16)
Debi Jean Albright Mardis (6/21/55-5/28/16)
Donald G. Lents (9/7/35-5/29/16)
Mary Louise Sargent (6/2/1913-5/30/2016)
Kent Lee Fellers (10/27/62-6/1/16)
Fredrick "Keith" Lowry (5/10/47-6/5/16)
Claranne Manning (3/29/33-6/10/16)
Margaret Helen Campbell (7/14/48-6/11/16)
Catherine McAtee (2/21/25-6/15/16)
John William "Bill" Hart (11/15/31-6/16/16)
James A. McGuire (3/17/37-6/17/16)
Wilma "Billie" Rose Bledsoe (12/31/27-6/20/16)
Alice (Mattingly) Walker (11/25/25-6/21/16)
Sarah Jane Foster (6/26/70-6/22/16)
H. Donald Butcher (11/9/24-6/23/16)
Aaron D. Young (9/7/66-6/23/16)
Daniel J. Swartzentruber (1/20/30-6/27/16)
Jason Seitz (6/30/78-6/30/16)
John E. 'Jack' Hughes (2/26/37-7/4/16)
Jesse Allen (8/27/72-7/10/16)
Candace Ann "Candy" Crane Gootee (12/23/49-7/15/16)
Virginia Street (8/16/32-7/15/16)
Kelley Jean Bottorff (5/27/75-7/17/16)
Robert P. Mullins (3/7/32-7/17/16)
Thomas Noah Sellers (9/24/39-7/21/16)
Lucy Janice (Cox) Bough (3/7/36-7/27/16)
Loland Troutman (3/30/33-7/30/16)
Frieda A. (Hovis) Sutton (10/2/22-7/31/16)
Kerry V. Wittmer (2/7/70-8/1/16)
Charles Jerome Bradley (8/23/35-8/4/16)
Andrew "Andy" Albertson (8/13/27-8/5/16)
Donald R. Wagner (12/9/40-8/5/16)
Ida (Knepp) Wagler (7/17/27-8/6/16)
Deliliah "Dee" Jewell (2/8/32-8/8/16)
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-Photo by Courtney Hughett

From left to right are Martin County Reserve Officer Jon Wright, Commissioner Kevin Boyd, Iamur Wright, with Ohio Valley Veneer, LLC; Camelot Wright, with the community of Padanaram; Commissioner Paul George, Sheriff Travis Roush, and Commissioner Dan Gregory. Ohio Valley Veneer donated \$2,500 and Padanaram donated \$10,000 to the county's reserve deputy program.

Sheriff's department gets donations; commissioners against railway trail

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Martin County Commissioners held their first meeting of the year last night, Tuesday, January 3. They voted to keep Paul George as the board's president and Dan Gregory to be the vice president.

Marie Hawkins, with the tourism committee and Kathy Collins, community corrections director, spoke to the commissioners about a group called the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy. The group is converting previously-used railways into hiking and biking trails. One section of the trail, already open, starts in Lawrence County and extends 10.3 miles to Williams Dam. The plans are to extend it into Martin County in the near future. The trail, called the Milwaukee Road Transportation Trailway, will eventually stretch 20 miles and go through Indian Springs. Hawkins and Collins said they were approached by a member of this group about the move into Martin County. Commissioner Paul George immediately told Hawkins that they are not interested in the trail or speaking to anyone in regard to the trail. Commissioner Dan Gregory said that this has been an ongoing battle with many organizations in the state and several lawsuits have taken place trying to

get it stopped.

It was discussed that the trail, running along the railways, runs through farms and backyards and many residents are not in favor of bikers and walkers coming through their property in such a way. Collins said that the way the Rails-to-Trails representative spoke to her, he made it seem like the trail extending into Martin County was already a done deal.

County Attorney Dave Lett said the federal government, in years past, gave the rail companies easements from the railroad tracks. He said since these railroad tracks are not being used by the rail companies anymore, the Rails-to-Trails wants to take over those easements which would then give them the right to use the tracks. He suggested that the commissioners not get involved in the trail discussion until a legal decision is made.

In other business, the commissioners agreed for the community corrections department to purchase a lean-to building to place on their new property in Loogootee. It was explained that they were using space in a storage building at the jail but the sheriff needed that space. Collins said she has \$7,000 in the misdemeanor fund that could be used for the purchase. County Attorney (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 2)

Topping the news in 2016

JANUARY

Commissioners get update on Brooks Bridge
New members start on Loogootee Council (Teresa Nolley, Roger Downey, Ruth Smith and Tim Lawrence)
Students step up to support Martin County Safe Communities Day
State of Indiana response to Avian Flu in Dubois County
Proposed \$1.83 billion plan would raise Duke Energy rates over next 7 years
Principals at Loogootee making several changes
Sheriff updates merit board on human and canine officers
Jasper man arrested in Martin County after crashing car
Shoals Business Association discusses Bicentennial, economic development

FEBRUARY

County council says no to highway employee raises

County may be getting notification system
County's jobless rate stays at four percent
Health officials urge wider use of preventative medication as number of HIV outbreak cases rises by 4
Public forums to be held on Crane land use
Hawkins honored with 4-H Key Club Member Award (Megan Hawkins)
First human case of Zika virus confirmed in Indiana
38th Martin County Ag Day celebration March 12
Glenda Ritz to be guest speaker at annual dinner
Teachers, parents question financial plans of Loogootee School Board
Arrests net methamphetamine and marijuana
Commissioners discuss housing grant, bridges
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GONE

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Jewell H. Sherfick (10/29/32-8/11/16)
 Charles E. Eichmiller (10/15/36-8/13/16)
 Melba Jean (Walton) Harker (6/9/27-8/22/16)
 Susan I. Yoder (8/16/22-8/22/16)
 Virginia S. Brown (5/5/37-8/26/16)
 Doris J. Hawkins (1927-8/26/16)
 Evelyn (Meyer) Peek (3/7/19-9/6/16)
 M. Bernita Riley (5/24/32-9/8/16)
 George Templin (7/19/39-9/8/16)
 Charles Joseph McGuire (7/20/30-9/9/16)
 Charles "Andy" Strange (3/5/29-9/11/16)
 Dorothy A. Souerdike (4/28/28-9/16/16)
 Danny Brosnan (4/18/30-9/22/16)
 Lavada June (Hamilton) Marley (12/7/43-9/23/16)
 Clarence Edward "Ed" Bradley (11/20/47-10/1/16)
 Timothy Drew (1/4/51-10/4/16)
 Daisy M. Carrico (1/6/24-10/5/16)
 Barbara "Elaine" Wathen (5/5/55-10/6/16)
 Darrell Richardson (4/29/60-10/8/16)
 Mildred Jane Warner (12/26/28-10/8/16)
 Jacqueline A. Baker (2/16/37-10/11/16)
 Shirley L. Farley (2/6/35-10/12/16)
 Gerald L. Gammon (7/6/44-10/15/16)
 Gene "Stub" Sanders (7/26/33-10/15/16)
 Georgiana Tripp (1/23/26-10/15/16)
 Bradley Dean Stuffle (12/4/77-10/16/16)
 Forrest "Ray" Stanfield (5/31/38-10/18/16)
 Billy D. Wilcoxon (11/21/39-10/19/16)
 John R. Stuckey (3/29/69-10/22/16)
 Channa Jane Williams (2/22/61-10/24/16)
 Donald McCarthy (9/7/28-10/26/16)
 Eileen Green (8/24/26-10/29/16)
 Mary Louise "Peggy" Lee (12/8/1916-11/11/2016)

COMMISSIONERS

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Lett suggested Collins first speak to the owner of the property she is leasing in Loogootee prior to doing improvements to the property. Collins said that the lean-to would be moveable if they ever decide to relocate.

Josh and Courtney Hughett, with the Martin County Humane Society, gave the commissioners the 2016 annual report on the animal shelter. Courtney told them that they had set a goal of taking in 200 cats in 2016 and they met that goal by taking in 206. They also took in 109 dogs last year. The shelter had a total of 273 adoptions. As of the last day of 2016, the shelter held 12 dogs and 25 cats. Courtney said that they will continue to trap feral cats around the county as they have for the past few years, to try and get control of the population.

Auditor January Roush asked the Hughetts about a map she saw recently circulating on facebook showing that Martin and Daviess counties had the highest number of puppy mills in the state. Discussion ensued on the topic. Courtney explained that it is something the shelter hears about a lot, from people all over the country, that trace the puppy they bought from their local pet store back to Martin County. The purchaser is always upset because the puppy has major health issues and they want the humane society to do something. She said there is little the animal shelter can do as the puppy mills are under the control of the state. She added though that the issue is something she would personally

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 Viola (Miller) Knepp (7/2/53-11/21/16)
 Joyce Adeline (Beaty) Jones (12/6/36-11/22/16)
 Elza Edward Quinn (10/26/35-11/23/16)
 Phyllis A. Wolven (2/13/33-11/25/16)
 John David Hill (4/28/67-11/29/16)
 Iris Wagoner (7/11/28-12/1/16)
 Genevieve Alice "Jenny" Lents (1/6/1914-12/4/2016)
 Darrell Q. Diamond (3/24/42-12/7/16)
 James "Jim" Sorrells (11/17/36-12/7/16)
 Ann J. (Jones) Burch (6/30/60-12/9/16)
 Linda S. Mills (12/29/48-12/10/16)
 Patsy "Joan" Endris Edwards (11/16/38-12/13/16)
 Joni Lee Yoder (1/3/68-12/15/16)
 Fred A. Dupps (11/17/48-12/17/16)
 Kirk Darin Sanders (1/30/72-12/17/16)
 Vivian Leigh (Hendricks) Forbes (6/11/60-12/19/16)
 Margaret L. (Peggy) Spaulding (8/21/38-12/19/16)
 Gregory Taylor (3/2/67-12/19/16)
 Verda Wagler (2/26/28-12/19/16)
 Dorothy S. Tuzynski (10/19/27-12/21/16)
 Esther Mae Jones (2/13/44-12/22/16)
 Charlotte Meyer (10/1/32-12/22/16)
 Susan "Susie" Lovina (Wagler) Knepp (11/26/30-12/25/16)
 Barbara J. Chambers (5/6/34-12/26/16)
 Carl Dale Tinkle (1/3/48-12/27/16)
 Bessie Mae (Arvin) Palmer (9/4/23-12/27/16)
 Mary Laverne Lane-Potts (3/16/36-12/28/16)
 William D. Hembree (11/11/34-12/23/16)
 James C. "Curt" Elliott (12/12/32-12/29/16)
 Philip O. Street (1/16/31-12/30/16)

like to work on in 2017.

Sheriff Travis Roush spoke to the commissioners about the reserve deputy program he started in 2015. He said he currently has four reserve deputies and explained that the reserves are required to pay out of their own pocket for uniforms, etc. required to be a reserve deputy. One of the reserves, Jon Wright, was present at the meeting and members of his family were there to donate \$12,500 to the reserve program to help cover expenses for the reserve officers.

Leo Padgett, highway department superintendent, requested permission to start looking for a tri-axle to replace the department's current tri-axle. He said their current tri-axle has 750,000 miles and he has \$54,000 in the budget to go toward the purchase of a new one. He added that the department would like to keep the old tri-axle as a backup, once they get the new one. The commissioners gave Padgett the okay to start the search.

On the annual appointments, the commissioners approved everyone as submitted except Chadd Mosby for the Daviess-Martin Park Board. Auditor Roush said Mosby had emailed her and said he would still like to be on the board. The commissioners said they wanted to look for someone else to serve in that position. When asked why they would not appoint the person who has served previously and wanted to serve again, the commissioners hesitated but replied that they were not ready to appoint Mosby.

HEADLINES

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Crane Credit Union expands services to 27 Indiana counties

MARCH

Local pro archer places second in the world

Commissioners discuss jail, hire highway laborer

Three Martin County women arrested
 Shoals Senior Citizens Center receives grant

Council gives \$2,000 to help with county's Bicentennial celebration

Eric Holcomb sworn in as 51st Lieutenant Governor of Indiana

Loogootee Council to add \$6 user fee to water bills

Martin County's unemployment rate bumps to 4.7 percent for January

Last week's manhunt outside Loogootee ends in arrest

Bids awarded for Loogootee Schools roofing projects

Shoals man arrested after nearly crashing into trooper

Commissioners hear update on Crane land use study

\$42 million Lilly grants to benefit NSWC Crane, surrounding areas

Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay route unveiled

Martin County's unemployment rate at 5.1 percent for February

Megan Hawkins named 2016 Lilly Scholar

Loogootee woman arrested on possession charges

Martin County farm receives distinguished award

APRIL

Community corrections moving to Loogootee

Commissioners approve contracts, new county-wide notification system

Clean Water Indiana funds distributed to 92 counties (Martin County received \$75,000)

Resident wants road closed; highway garage roof leaking

Shoals man earns more charges after arrest

Middle Way House Martin County of-

fers services to victims

County's jobless rate at 5 percent for March

Shoals Royalty (Prom Queen Megan Hawkins and Prom King David Qualkenbush. Prom Prince Edmundson Neeley and Princess Kenady Bratton.)

Shoals students excel at 32nd Crane Science Fair

Pence announces distribution of \$505 million to local governments

MAY

Election brings out 40 percent of voters

Carter's Legacy 5K to be held May 14
 LHS Prom Royalty (Crowned queen was Kendall Riley and king was Corey Jacobs.)

2015 deer harvest up three percent from prior year

NSWC Crane receives 2016 FLC Award

Burch's Lawn and Garden turns another page

Martin County father and daughter air lifted after ATV accident

County council approves additional money for the highway department

West Boggs Park hosts inaugural Conservation Day this Saturday

Loogootee Elementary continues to recycle

Crane capabilities showcased at Washington Navy Yard

New principal hired at Loogootee (Chad Musselwhite)

Roads, emergency communications top commissioners' meeting

LHS to graduate 75 Friday, Shoals 34 Saturday

Brotherhood Award (Corporal Eric Doane (District 7) was named as the William J. Nattkemper 1926 Brotherhood Award recipient)

Lady Lions: Sectional Champs (Softball)

Domestic dispute leads to arrest of seven on drug charges

Backpack Blessings program is being planned for Martin County

Indiana's planting process being held back by rain

Project L.E.A.D. concludes 23rd year

JUNE

Martin County's jobless rate at 4.5 percent for April

Commissioners go over road issue, bridge inspections

2016 spring turkey harvest up 2 percent from previous year

Bateman defeated in Sectional Final (Emily Bateman, tennis)

Just 100 days until start of the Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay

Solar field continues, animal control discussed

Paint Your World Purple at Relay this Saturday

New city officer (Jim Floyd)

Loogootee Summerfest starts tomorrow

City council discusses salaries, golf carts, mowing

Commissioners discuss animal control Summerfest Royalty (Maelee Hawkins-2016 Summerfest Queen; Mikenna Jones-2016 Summerfest Junior Miss; Marley McAtee-2016 Summerfest Little Miss; Sophia Toy-2016 Summerfest Tiny Tot.)

Loogootee man arrested on drug charges

31st Catfish Festival kicks off tomorrow

Defense Secretary Carter visits NSWC Crane

JULY

Township accounts hold \$878,000

Bicentennial torchbearer names announced

MCHS Animal Shelter trying to free up space to save more lives

Woman arrested in Shoals for possession

Council not sure residents want animal (See 'HEADLINES' cont. on page 7)

Obituaries

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PHILIP STREET

Philip O. Street passed away at 3:30 p.m. Friday, December 30, 2016 at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center surrounded by his family. A resident of Loogootee, he was 85.

He was born January 16, 1931 in Martin County. He attended school in Loogootee

where he met the love of his life, Virginia R. Tow, whom he married June 11, 1949. Virginia preceded him in death July 15, 2016 after 67 years of marriage.

He had a working career spanning over 50 years at companies including Jasper Novelty, Sarkes Tarzian, Admiral Corporation, LB Price, and Streets Contracting, a business he started and one of his sons still operates today.

Philip had a few hobbies, but truly enjoyed family and fishing trips.

He is survived by his children, Terry G. (Marsha) Street, Marsha (Joe) Lukomski, Rheta (Doug) Divine, Alan (Patty) Street and Rob (Dee Dee) Street; 11 grandchildren, Karen Wilson, Lane Divine, Joe Wayne Lukomski, Tim Lukomski, Jennifer Sparks, Kyle Street, Kelli Mathies, Teri Becker, Holly Street, Dylan Street and Sara Street; 13 great-grandchildren, Ben Wilson, Ayden Wilson, Maddie Lukomski, Alexandra Divinie, Colten Sparks, Cade Wilson, Sam Lukomski, Lili Lukomski, Emily Sparks, Josie Mathies, Mason Mathies, Gabriel Street and Garrett Mathies; and siblings, Janet Sue Hembree, Ruth Meyer, Harold Street and Vicki Qualkenbush.

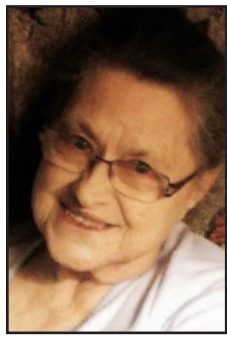
He was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia Street; his parents, siblings, Robert L. Street and Sandra A. Bleemel; and grandchildren, Benjamin William and Ryan Philip Street.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 3 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial followed in Goodwill Cemetery.

Condolences may be made online at blakefuneralhomes.com.

MARY LANE-POTTS

Mary Laverne Lane-Potts passed



MARY LANE-POTTS
Simmons.

She was a homemaker and attended Shoals Holiness Church. She enjoyed quilting and playing the organ. A loving sister, mother, grandmother and great grandmother, Mary's memory will be forever cherished by her loving family and friends.

Survivors include her five sons, Darrell R. (Helen) Lane of Brownsburg, David R. Lane of Shoals, Dallas R. (Theresa) Lane of Petersburg, Duane R. (Pat) Lane of Danville, and Douglas R. (Chris) Lane of Shoals; one brother, Paul (Mary Beth) Simmons of Pollock, Louisiana; five sisters, Olive (Reid) Armstrong of Plainfield, Margaret Hyde of Brazil, Indiana, Luella (Bob) Markle of Plainfield, Velma (Gary) Marley of Mooresville, and Naomi (Glen) Humphreys of Orleans; 14 grandchildren, Debra Ferguson, Diana Lane, Donna Denny, Alishia Williams, Stephen Lane, Lacy Halbert, Jessica Jude, Jennifer Yaney, Derrick R. Lane, Samuel R. Lane, Heather Brooke Parra, Andrea Burden, Christopher Lane, and Abby Lane; and 14 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her loving husband and father of her children, Delmar R. Lane on September 30, 1995; and her second husband, Ronald Potts on June 27, 2002; and her grandson, Daniel R. Lane.

A funeral service was held Monday, January 2 at Carlisle-Branson Funeral Service & Crematory in Mooresville. Mary was laid to rest next to Delmar at Clayton Cemetery in Clayton.

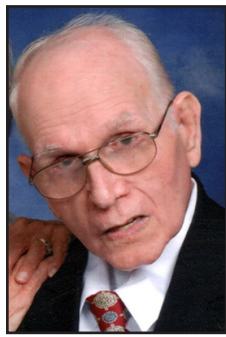
Visit www.CarlisleBranson.com where you may share online condolences and share a favorite memory with the family.

JAMES "CURT" ELLIOTT

James C. "Curt" Elliott passed away

away Wednesday, December 28, 2016 at Danville Regional Rehabilitation Center. A resident of Shoals, she was 80.

She was born March 16, 1936 in Shoals; the daughter of George I. and Laura G. (Abel)



JAMES "CURT" ELLIOTT

He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, St. Martin Men's Club and the American Legion. He loved carpenter work, gardening and riding four-wheelers. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was a Korean War Veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Elsie Irene (Buzan) Elliott of Loogootee; children, Constance (Charles) Allbright of Loogootee and Dennis R. (Debbie) Elliott of Oaktown; grandchildren, Clint Allbright, Miranda Allbright McKee and Misty Renee Elliott; great-grandchildren, Patrick Allbright, Carlette Hoffman, Nakisha, Victoria, Heather and Veronica McKee; siblings, Doyle (Rita) Elliott and Donna VanWinkle, both of Loogootee, Tony (Debbie) Elliott of Greenwood and Mike (Vonda) Elliott of Loogootee; and sisters-in-law, Marie Elliott and Georgia Elliott, both of Loogootee, Mary Louise Elliott of Harrison, Indiana and Thelma Elliott of Wilmington, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his son, James C. Elliott Jr.; parents, Clarence and Ada (Doyle) Elliott; great-granddaughter, Madison Raeanne Allbright; siblings, Naomi (Rocky) Walters, Clarence I. (Lavon) Elliott Jr., Martha Lou (Merrill) Wolford, Carl Elliott, Fred Elliott, Norbert Elliott, Larry Elliott; and brother-in-law, Robert VanWinkle.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker and concelebrant Rev. Joseph Erbacher on Monday, January 2 at St. Martin Catholic Church in Whitfield. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Martin Cemetery Fund.

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee was in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

CARL TINKLE

Carl Dale Tinkle passed away Tuesday, December 27, 2016 at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper. A resident of Shoals, he was 68. He was residing at the Springs Valley Meadows in French Lick.

He was born January 3, 1948 in Shoals; son of David and Ruth (Lindley) Tinkle. He married Edith Marlene Taylor and she preceded him in death on June 5, 2013. He was a former Town Marshal for Shoals and worked for the ambulance service several years. He attended Shoals High School and attended Powell Valley Church.

He is survived by a step-son, Chris Taylor of Bloomington; brothers, Harold and Loretta Tinkle of Dubois, William "Bill" Tinkle of Jasper and Tennis Tinkle of Loogootee; sisters, Brenda Tedrow of Loogootee, Linda Courtwright of Washington, Pamela Blair of Washington, Yevonne Stone of Shoals and Lana and Gene Bush of Linton; and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his wife, parents, brothers, Jack and Danny Tinkle; and sisters, Clarabelle Winger, Carolyn Tinkle and Janet Ragens.

at 6 a.m. Thursday, December 29, 2016 at his home. A resident of Loogootee, he was 84.

He was born December 12, 1932 in Martin County; son of the late Clarence and Ada (Doyle) Elliott.

He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, St. Martin Men's Club and the American Legion. He loved carpenter work, gardening and riding four-wheelers. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was a Korean War Veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Elsie Irene (Buzan) Elliott of Loogootee; children, Constance (Charles) Allbright of Loogootee and Dennis R. (Debbie) Elliott of Oaktown; grandchildren, Clint Allbright, Miranda Allbright McKee and Misty Renee Elliott; great-grandchildren, Patrick Allbright, Carlette Hoffman, Nakisha, Victoria, Heather and Veronica McKee; siblings, Doyle (Rita) Elliott and Donna VanWinkle, both of Loogootee, Tony (Debbie) Elliott of Greenwood and Mike (Vonda) Elliott of Loogootee; and sisters-in-law, Marie Elliott and Georgia Elliott, both of Loogootee, Mary Louise Elliott of Harrison, Indiana and Thelma Elliott of Wilmington, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his son, James C. Elliott Jr.; parents, Clarence and Ada (Doyle) Elliott; great-granddaughter, Madison Raeanne Allbright; siblings, Naomi (Rocky) Walters, Clarence I. (Lavon) Elliott Jr., Martha Lou (Merrill) Wolford, Carl Elliott, Fred Elliott, Norbert Elliott, Larry Elliott; and brother-in-law, Robert VanWinkle.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker and concelebrant Rev. Joseph Erbacher on Monday, January 2 at St. Martin Catholic Church in Whitfield. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Martin Cemetery Fund.

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee was in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

Funeral services were held Friday December 30 at Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with Rev. Marvin Lagle officiating. Burial followed in the Mitchell Cemetery.

Queen-Lee Funeral Home, in Shoals, was in charge of the arrangements.

WILLIAM HEMBREE

William D. Hembree passed away at 11:50 p.m. December 23, 2016 at the

Martin County Health and Rehab Center in Loogootee. A resident of Loogootee, he was 82.

He was born on November 11, 1934 in Martin County; son of Willis and Mary (Hembree) Hembree.

He retired from U. S. Gypsum in Shoals after 24 years of service. He attended school in Rutherford Township and was of the Christian faith. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force.

He is survived by one son, Cpt. Martin Hembree of Cordova, Maryland; step daughter, Deana Chambers of Loogootee; two brothers, Donald Hembree of Loogootee, and Charles Hembree of Plano, Texas; five sisters, Alice Robbins of Shoals, Mildred Hill of Jasper, Diane Mathias of Jasper, Mary Walton of Loogootee and Norma Kay Breeding of Dubois; four grandchildren, two step children and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Sharon Fraese and Shirley Lineback; and step-son, Mark LaMono.

A graveside memorial service with military rites by the Loogootee American Legion, will be held on Friday January 6 at 1 p.m. in the Goodwill Cemetery in Loogootee, with Rev. John Simmons officiating.

Queen-Lee Chapel, in Shoals, is in charge of arrangements.

RITA HUDSON

Rita J. Hudson passed away Monday, January 2, 2017, at Pinehaven Nursing Home. A resident of Newburgh, she was 83.

She was born August 1, 1933, in Richland County, Illinois; daughter of the late William and Minnie (Selkinger) Kessler.

She worked as a dietary aid at Cypress Grove Rehabilitation.

She is survived by daughter, Susan Hudson of Newburgh, son, Nick Hudson of Newburgh; son, Tim (Delores) Hudson of Mt. Vernon; daughter, Janice (Robert) O'Brien; daughter, Carol (Mike) Rumer of Vincennes; son, Pat (Micki) Hudson of Loogootee; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; twin sister, Millie Seibert of Evansville; sister, Margie Armstrong of Newburgh; brother, Tom Kessler of Omaha, Nebraska; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas; daughter, Ruth Hudson; sons, Billy Hudson and Jerome Hudson, and granddaughter, Nicole Kissel.

The family would like to thank the staff of Pinehaven for their care of Rita.

A funeral service will be 4 p.m. today, Wednesday, January 4, at Alexander Newburgh Chapel, 5333 State Road 261, Newburgh.

Friends may visit Wednesday from 1 p.m. to service time at the funeral home.

CLASSIFIED ADS

HELP WANTED

The Martin County Sheriff's Office is now accepting applications for an Animal Control Officer

Minimum Requirements

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| 1. Be a citizen of the United States | State of Indiana |
| 2. Be at least 21 years of age | 11. Submit to being fingerprinted |
| 3. Have a high school diploma or G.E.D. | 12. Submit to a character and background investigation |
| 4. Be a resident of Martin County, Indiana | 13. May be required to appear for an oral interview |
| 5. Have eyesight correctable to 20/20 | 14. Pass an Indiana State accredited Police Academy course held at the Martin County Sheriff's Office or other location as required over a period of several months |
| 6. Cannot have any Felony, Battery misdemeanor or Domestic Violence conviction | 15. Successfully complete post academy field training |
| 7. Pass a written entry-level examination | |
| 8. Pass physical examination / agility testing | |
| 9. Submit to drug screening, psychological testing and a Polygraph | |
| 10. Possess a valid driver's license from the | |

Job Description

According to the National Animal Control Association (NACA), animal control officers work to maintain public health standards by making communities safe for both people and animals. Animal control officers are usually hired by city and county agencies, although some work for states or other branches of the federal government. Officers often respond to calls from citizens about stray animals, suspected animal cruelty, or deceased animals. Sometimes, officers have to capture or rescue animals, but other times they administer warnings or citations to citizens suspected of animal cruelty and mistreatment.

Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

10:16 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across Hwy. 150 at Hwy. 550. Sheriff Roush and Shoals Fire responded.

11:08 a.m. - Received a report of a damaged abandoned vehicle in the Martin State Forest. Sergeant Keller responded.

12:45 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Deputy Keller responded.

3:27 p.m. - Received a report of a possible drunk driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

3:48 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

4:38 p.m. - Received a report of trees down on Peggy Hollow Road. Lost River Fire responded and removed the trees.

5:12 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:06 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Deputy Reed and Loogootee Officer Baker responded.

11:21 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on Weisbach Road. Shoals Fire responded and removed the tree.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

1:05 a.m. - Received a report of a car in a ditch on Hwy. 50 by the fairgrounds. Deputy Reed responded.

3:35 a.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

5:00 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

5:17 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

5:53 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:02 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

8:47 a.m. - Received a report of a stolen vehicle in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

11:08 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene and Sheriff Roush responded.

12:28 p.m. - Received a request for a VIN check in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

1:20 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

2:10 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Trinity Springs. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

3:30 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

5:37 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

7:30 p.m. - Received a request for an officer in Shoals for a custody dispute. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert and Sergeant Keller responded.

7:58 p.m. - Received a report of a car vs. deer accident on Hwy. 50 by the state forest. Sergeant Keller responded.

9:08 p.m. - Received a request for

an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

1:00 a.m. - Received a request for an officer northwest of Shoals for a vehicle stuck in a field. Deputy Reed responded.

1:37 a.m. - Received a report of a commercial burglary alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Norris and Deputy Reed responded.

3:05 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Deputy Reed and Loogootee Officer Norris responded. Martin County Ambulance transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:52 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:10 a.m. - Received a request for traffic assistance on a funeral detail in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennessee responded.

11:55 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

3:15 p.m. - Received a report of a speeding vehicle northbound on Hwy. 231, south into Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennessee responded.

5:40 p.m. - Received a report of dogs not being fed and watered. Major Burkhardt responded.

6:12 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle at the Pump's building. Major Burkhardt responded.

8:40 p.m. - Received a report of a commercial alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Norris responded.

8:54 p.m. - Received a report of a car vs. deer on Hwy. 231 South. Deputy Shinn responded.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

12:17 a.m. - Received a report of a commercial alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Norris responded.

9:53 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

12:27 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene, Martin County Ambulance, and Martin County Coroner Franklin responded.

12:35 p.m. - Major Burkhardt transported one inmate to the doctor.

1:00 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded and all was okay.

2:30 p.m. - Received a report of a break-in near Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

3:30 p.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

12:18 a.m. - Received a report of an accident on SR 450 near Shoals. Deputy Shinn and Town Marshal Eckert responded.

5:45 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across Mill Road. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

5:50 a.m. - Received a report of tree limbs across SR 150, near Shoals. Deputy Shinn removed the debris.

10:00 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

12:03 p.m. - Received a report of a fire near Shoals. Shoals Fire, Martin County Civil Defense, Martin County Ambulance, and Chief Deputy Greene

responded.

12:48 p.m. - Received a report of a drive off without paying in Loogootee.

2:44 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

2:45 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennessee responded.

3:42 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded.

4:48 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation near Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

6:15 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic near Shoals. Martin County Child Protective Services and Major Burkhardt responded. Deputy Shinn responded.

9:33 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50. The vehicle was checked and all was okay.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

10:35 a.m. - Received a report of a commercial alarm north of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt, ISP Trooper Lents, and Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

2:50 p.m. - Received a report of a personal injury accident on Hwy 150, at the county line. Major Burkhardt, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No transport was needed. KRB towed the vehicle.

7:40 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on State Road 450. Deputy Shinn responded.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

12:23 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hos-

ARRESTS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

2:18 p.m. - Nathan Truelove, 21, of Shoals, was arrested by Loogootee Captain Hennessee on a warrant for four counts of escape, Level 6 Felonies; two counts of unauthorized absence from home, Class A Misdemeanors; possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of a narcotic drug, a Level 6 Felony, and possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor. He is being held without bond.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

12:37 a.m. - Nathan Buckland, 38, of Urbana, Illinois, was arrested by ISP Trooper Nolan and charged with operating as a habitual traffic violator and on a Johnson County warrant for failure to appear. Bond set at \$25,000 10%. ISP Trooper Beaver assisted with the arrest.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

11:10 a.m. - Miranda Mitchell, 21, of Shoals, was arrested by Major Burkhardt and charged with theft and forgery. She is being held on a \$50,000 10% bond.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

5:14 a.m. - Nathan Sult, 27, of Washington, was arrested by Deputy Salmon and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated. Bond set at \$20,000 10%.

1:15 p.m. - Thomas Miller, 36, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with intimidation with a deadly weapon. No bond has been set. Assisting with the arrest were Chief Deputy Greene and Loogootee Officer McBeth.

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12:50 a.m. - Received a report of a residential burglar alarm south of Shoals. Deputy Salmon and Deputy Shinn responded.

1:29 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle accident in Lost River. Deputy Salmon, Deputy Shinn, and Lost River Fire responded. ATM towed the vehicle.

1:52 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle on the tracks in Shoals. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded. G&M towed the vehicle.

2:08 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:34 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle fire in Shoals. Deputy Salmon and Shoals Fire responded.

4:22 a.m. - Received a report of an accident on Mill Road. Deputy Salmon, Deputy Shinn responded. KRB towed the vehicle.

4:31 a.m. - Received a report of a burglary alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baker responded.

9:09 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:05 a.m. - Received a report of a stolen vehicle in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

12:20 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene, ISP Trooper Lents, and Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

12:30 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. Martin County Ambulance and Crane Fire responded. No transport was needed.

1:35 p.m. - Received a report of trespassers in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene and ISP Trooper Lents responded.

3:35 p.m. - Received a request for an officer in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

3:44 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver north of Loogootee on US 231. All Martin County units were advised.

4:48 p.m. - Received a request for extra patrol on Reinhart Road. All Martin County units were advised.

4:53 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

6:35 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Crane. Deputy Reed responded.

7:52 p.m. - Received a report of a car vs. deer accident on Hwy. 231 North. Deputy Reed responded.

9:03 p.m. - Received a request for an officer north of Shoals. Deputy Salmon responded.

Accident reports

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

3:25 p.m. - Cameron E. Brown, of Loogootee, was operating a 2014 Chevy on Broadway Street. Traffic ahead was slowed and Brown stuck the rear of a 2008 Ford operated by Brian K. Gore, of Indianapolis. Brown then went to merge into the outer lane and stuck a 1997 Ford operated by Shane A. Daugherty, of Jasper. Brown was cited for speed too fast to avoid collision. Chief Rayhill investigated.

COURT NEWS

Persons listed on criminals charges are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

CRIMINAL COURT New Charges Filed December 1

Randal L. Robling, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Gene W. Ross, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

December 5

Alex D. Flynn, escape, a Class 5 Felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; leaving the scene of an accident, a Class B Misdemeanor; false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor; operating while intoxicated with previous conviction within 5 years, a Class 6 Felony.

December 6

Tyson M. Stutzman, prostitution, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Joseph P. Smith, two counts of escape, Class 6 Felonies; habitual offender, sentence enhancement.

December 9

Andrew F. Schmitt, dealing in methamphetamine, a Class 2 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Class 4 Felony; unlawful possession of a firearm by a serious violent felon, a Class 4 Felony; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor; habitual offender, sentence enhancement.

December 12

Sean A. Kiser, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

December 16

Adam M. Arvin, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Joshua T. Rush, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Class 6 Felony; four counts of unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, Class 6 Felonies; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Abby Stinchfield, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Class 6 Felony; four counts of unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, Class 6 Felonies; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

December 22

Kimberly S. Fisher, two counts of invasion of privacy, Class A Misdemeanor;

ors; false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Willie D. Wilson, robbery resulting in bodily injury, a Class 3 Felony; criminal confinement, a Class 3 Felony.

Nathan G. Truelove, four counts of escape, Class 6 Felonies; possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; possession of a narcotic drug, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; two counts of unauthorized absence from home detention, Class A Misdemeanors.

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING November 15

Logan A. Padgett, convicted of two counts of theft, Class D Felonies. Sentenced on the first count to serve 730 days with 286 days suspended and credit for 222 actual days previously served plus 222 Class A credit days. Defendant received 286 days of probation. Convicted on the second count to serve 730 days with 487 days suspended and credit for 243 actual days previously served. Defendant received 487 days of probation.

November 20

Mark A. Payne, convicted of battery in the presence of a child, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days at the Martin County Security Center with 0 days suspended and credit for 112 actual days previously served plus 112 Class A credit days.

December 8

Stephen L. Seals, convicted of judgment of conviction, a Class A Misdemeanor, amended from resisting law enforcement, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 365 days at the Martin County Security Center with 363 days suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 Class A credit day. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

December 15

Devon M. Payne, convicted of two counts of possession of methamphetamine, Class 6 Felonies. Sentenced on the each count to serve 547 days at the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and 0 credit days.

Larry W. Troxel, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 361 suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 good time credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

December 19

George O'Connor, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor and operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days in the Martin County Security Center with 533 days suspended and credit for 7 actual days previously served plus 7 Class A credit days. Defendant received 8 months of probation.

December 21

Benny L. Cain, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days at the Martin County Security Center with 507 days suspended and credit for 20 actual days previously served plus 20 Class A credit day. Defendant received 17 months of probation.

December 22

Christopher L. Wade, convicted of child molesting, a Class 4 Felony. Sentenced to serve 4 years at the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 224 actual days previously served plus 75 Class B credit days.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED December 8

Stephen L. Seals, reckless driving, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

December 15

Devon M. Payne, possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; three counts of unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, Class 6 Felonies, dismissed; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Larry W. Troxel, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

December 19

George O'Connor, driving while suspended, a Class A Infraction, dismissed.

December 21

Benny L. Cain, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substance, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed December 27

Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC vs. Leo A. Libby, civil collection.

Jammie Quick vs. Kyla S. Quick, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Wells Fargo Bank vs. Adam W. Williams, mortgage foreclosure.

December 28

Debra A. Williams vs. Dennis P. Williams, petition for dissolution of marriage.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT New Suits Filed December 21

White River Co-Op vs. Tricia Carrico, complaint.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

7:20 a.m. - Caller reported a civil complaint.

10:20 a.m. - Caller reported a cable line down on SE 1st Street.

3:27 p.m. - Received a report of a possible intoxicated driver on Broadway Street. Officer was unable to locate.

8:17 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

10:21 p.m. - Officer Baker responded to a business alarm.

11:38 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious activity near Broadway Street.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

8:30 a.m. - Received a report of two loose dogs on Cedar Street.

2:45 p.m. - Male came on station for a vehicle identification check.

6:09 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on North Line Street.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

1:37 a.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm.

3:05 a.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted the county with a domestic dispute on Butler Bridge Road.

7:08 a.m. - Caller reported a trailer with no taillights.

10:10 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted with a funeral procession.

2:18 p.m. - Captain Hennette transported a male to jail for the county.

5:32 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male at Subway.

8:40 p.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

12:17 a.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm.

6:24 a.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from Chuckles.

11:15 a.m. - Caller reported a stop

White River Co-Op vs. Pam Davis, complaint.

White River Co-Op vs. Glen Houchins, complaint.

Real estate transfers

Sherry L. Hurt, of Martin County, Indiana to **Nicklous Cole Hembree and Allison Brooke Hembree and Edward R. Nolley**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: A portion of the south half of the southwest quarter of Section 31, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1 acre, more or less. Tract II: A portion of the south half of the southwest quarter of Section 31, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana.

Jason E. Weidenbenner and Lois Deann Weidenbenner, of Martin County, Indiana to **Andrew Kenneth Aiman**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter and a part of the north half of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter, lying north and west of the county road, in Section 20, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, containing 1 acre, more or less.

Karla K. Vest and Dennis R. Green, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jay M. Smith and Cynthia M. Smith**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing 1.4 acres, more or less.

David W. Duncan and Michelle J. Duncan, of Martin County, Indiana to **Joshua M. Jeffers and Lacy L. Jeffers**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2.95 acres, more or less.

sign down on Mill Street.

1:00 p.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

5:39 p.m. - Caller reported a civil complaint.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

12:48 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from Chuckles.

2:45 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231.

5:30 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231. Captain Hennette located the vehicle.

6:49 p.m. - Caller requested extra patrol.

10:04 p.m. - Caller reported property damage on Bloomfield Road.

10:26 p.m. - Caller reported locating some items that may have been stolen.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

8:23 a.m. - Caller reported a dispute on North Line Street.

10:35 a.m. - Officer McBeth responded to a business alarm.

2:37 p.m. - Male reported locating a lost wallet.

4:45 p.m. - Caller reported a parking violation.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

1:52 a.m. - Officer Baker assisted the county with a vehicle stuck on the railroad tracks.

3:45 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

4:31 a.m. - Officer Baker responded to a business alarm.

12:20 a.m. - Officer McBeth assisted the county with a domestic dispute on Ivy Lane.

3:44 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on US 231.

9:52 p.m. - Officer Baker responded to a business alarm.

More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson go on a camping trip. After a good dinner, they retire for the night, and go to sleep. Some hours later, Holmes wakes up and nudges his faithful friend. "Watson, look up at the sky and tell me what you see."

"I see millions and millions of stars, Holmes," exclaims Watson.

"And what do you deduce from that?"

Watson ponders for a minute.

"Well, astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, I observe that Saturn is in Leo. Horologically, I deduce that the time is approximately a quarter past three. Meteorologically, I suspect that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. Theologically, I can see that God is all powerful, and that we are a small and insignificant part of the universe. What does it tell you, Holmes?"

And Holmes said: "Watson, you idiot, it means that somebody stole our tent."

A man died and went to The Judgment, they told him, "Before you meet with God, I should tell you — we've looked over your life, and to be honest you really didn't do anything particularly good or bad. We're not really sure what to do with you. Can you tell us anything you did that can help us make a decision?"

The newly-arrived soul thought for a moment and replied, "Yeah, once I was driving along and came upon a person who was being harassed by a group of thugs. So, I pulled over, got out a bat, and went up to the leader of the thugs. He was a big, muscular guy with a ring pierced through his lip. Well, I tore the ring out of his lip, and told him he and his gang had better stop bothering this guy or they would have to deal with me!"

"Wow that's impressive, "When did this happen?"

"About three minutes ago," came the reply.

BUMPER STICKERS:

1. I'm not as drunk as you think I am.
2. Caution – Driver Legally Blonde.
3. I support publik edekasion.
4. I is a college student.
5. Honk, if you love peace and quiet.
6. Honk all you want. I'm deaf.
7. If you can read this, I can slam on my brakes and sue you.
8. Fight crime – shoot back.

There were four teenagers who played hooky one morning. Upon coming to class in the afternoon, they reported that their lateness was because their car got a flat tire.

"That's fine," the teacher said much to the students' relief. "But there was an

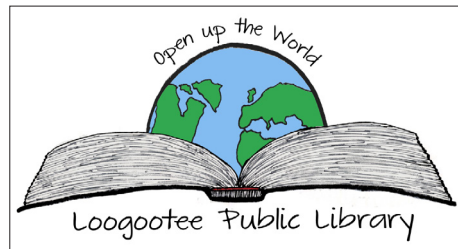
oral test this morning which you boys have to make up, so please have a seat and take out a piece of paper."

"Now for the first question, which tire was flat!"

SERIOUS PONDERISMS:

1. Fake people gossip about everyone else. Real people mind their own business.
2. It is better to have a friend with two chins than to have one with two faces.
3. Don't change yourself so that other people will like you. Be yourself so that the right people will love you.
4. Always leave people better than you found them. Hug the hurt. Kiss the broken. Befriend the lost. Love the lonely.
5. Never go to sleep on bad terms with someone you care about. Just fix it. Swallow your pride and move on because they could be gone tomorrow.
6. When someone you love dies, you never quite get over it. You just slowly learn how to go on without them but always keep them tucked safely in your heart.
7. One of the truest signs of maturity is the ability to disagree with someone while still remaining respectful.
8. Sometimes holding on does more damage than letting go.

Make someone smile today!



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The library staff will be offering an adult winter reading program "Hot Reads...Cold Nights" starting January 9 until March 1, 2017. You can read books, eBooks, and listen to audiobooks checked out at this library. You can earn prizes for reading your favorite authors on your own time. Basically you check out books, read, return and staff will record the number of books read. We will provide the reading log and you don't need to register to start the program! The first time you return your books after January 9, we'll just add your name to our records and start recording your logs. Easy as pie! We request that you be 16 or older to participate. Grand prize is a \$50 Visa card.

New Books:

Mystery Fiction: "Expecting to Die" by Lisa Jackson.

Fiction: "The Mistress" by Danielle Steel.

DVDs: "Dolly's Christmas of Many Colors", "Terry Fator Live in Concert", and "The Jungle Book".

The library hours are Monday and Tuesday 10-7, Wednesday closed, Thursday and Friday 10-5 and Saturday 9-1. The phone number is 812-295-3713 or check out the website www.loogootee.lib.in.us or like us on Facebook. The library has free Wi-Fi service available for patrons.

On The Home Front

By Linda Evans-Dillon
Martin County Veteran Service Officer

The Martin County Veteran Service Officer has an office in the Martin County Courthouse. An appointment is necessary. I return all phone calls from veterans on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

During the month of November, the county's veteran service officer assisted 14 veterans, had eight meetings, and visited the Legion's and VFW's in Crane, Loogootee and Shoals. The veterans' van took 10 trips transporting 10 veterans to VA medical centers and clinics.

During the month of December, the veteran service officer assisted five veterans, had two meetings, and visited the Legion's and VFW's in Crane, Loogootee, Shoals as well as one funeral walk-through. The veterans' van took six trips transporting seven veterans to VA medical centers and clinics.

DRIVERS NEEDED for the veterans' van. I am aware that we all have very busy lives and very little free time

which is why I am looking for reliable drivers to add to my call list. I am looking for VOLUNTEERS that are willing to transport a veteran possibly one trip a week to medical appointments at VA hospital and clinics in the surrounding area. This is not a paid position. You must have an Indiana license and a clean driving record. If interested, please contact me.

I have been getting calls from veterans requesting transportation to medical appointments that aren't at a VA facility. The veterans' van only transports veterans to appointments at VA hospitals and clinics.

The Veterans Crisis Line provides confidential help for veterans and their families. Call at 1-800-273-8255 (PRESS 1) for help.

For assistance, call 812-247-2210; transportation needs, call 812-247-2450 and leave a message or e-mail martincountyvso2013@yahoo.com.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Talk to a lawyer clinic

The first telephone clinic for individuals to receive free legal advice is scheduled for Thursday, January 5, 2017. Between the hours of 4:30 p.m. CST and 7 p.m. CST, volunteer attorneys will be available to talk to the general public regarding questions concerning Indiana law. This service is provided the first Thursday of every month and is sponsored by Volunteer Lawyer Program of Southwestern Indiana, Evansville Bar Foundation and Indiana Bar Foundation. The telephone numbers are 812-618-4845 and 888-594-3449.

Online survey needs your input

Share your opinions about local housing needs through the Martin County Housing survey (available online at: <https://purdue.qualtrics.com/SouthernIndianaHousingDemandSurvey>). Don't miss your chance to be heard! If you have already recently answered housing-related questions via a phone survey, please do not answer the same questions using this web-based link (in order to avoid duplication). All responses are voluntary and anonymous. The deadline for providing feedback is February 15, 2017. The information you provide will guide decision-makers as they explore ways to expand local housing options.

Sunday nights of revival

New Beginnings Community Church and Maranatha Tabernacle Church are holding 14 continuous Sunday nights of revival starting January 8 through April 9, 2017. The "Code Blue" (start your heart with God) revival meetings begin at 6 p.m. (EST) each Sunday night and meet at Maranatha Tabernacle Church, 13111 Hwy 231 N., Loogootee. Special revival speakers and worship bands will participate each month. For additional information, contact Pastor Ernie at 812-709-0258 or Pastor Duane at 812-295-4349.

Attention Senior Citizens

The Loogootee Senior Citizen Center, located in the Annex building attached to JFK Gym on JFK Avenue in

Loogootee provides activities for seniors every Monday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon. For \$5 a year, seniors can participate in Euchre tournaments, games, puzzles, etc., with other local seniors. Anyone interested is welcome to stop by, there are no age or residency requirements to participate.

Free lunch for kids

New Beginnings Community Church will be offering a free lunch to all school-age children every Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. at the fellowship hall of the church, located at 200 West Main Street next to the post office. For more info, call 812-709-2525.

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Humane society meetings

The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 5:30 p.m. Members of the humane society are invited to attend.

Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Loughmiller Machine, 12851 E 150 N, Loogootee. The public is invited to attend.

Soil and Water meetings

The Martin County SWCD meets the third Monday of the month at the SWCD office located at Martin County Learning Center. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays except Thursdays when it is closed. Visit www.martinswcd.com or call at 295-3149.

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control
 Loogootee Schools hire another new high school principal (Andrea Huff)
 Shoals Jr./Sr. High School Principal resigns (Lucas Calhoun)
 Miss Martin County (Kendall Riley was named the 2016 Miss Martin County at the 4-H Fair)
 Major improvements (Work is set to begin on senior housing apartments in Loogootee)
 MCCF announces Ann Burch scholarship
 DNR confirms black bear report in southern Indiana
 LHS introduces Chromebooks, early release days
 Martin County's jobless rate at 4.3 percent for June
 DNR happy with outcome of West Boggs Lake project
 Shoals Community Schools awarded grant for mural project

AUGUST
 Council discusses animal officer, honors residents
 Council holds special meeting to move funds for highway grant
 Commissioners look to replace roof at the highway garage
 Suspended driver arrested after fleeing from state trooper
 Bicentennial essay contest winners announced (Andrew Powell, age 12, of Loogootee and Melanie Hawkins, age 15, of Shoals)
 Raises spark long debate for city council
 Loogootee Council discusses water department, promo video
 School supplies giveaway helped 200-

plus students
 Shoals School hires new high school principal (Kindra Hovis)
 Highway garage needs roof, jail needs new lighting
 Loogootee, Martin County awarded grant money for roads and bridges
 County's jobless rate at 4 percent for July
 County's bison wins People's Choice honor
 Historical Society trying to save old courthouse
 First Annual Martin County Harvest Festival in the works
 Change is in store for Martin County SOAR
 Midwestern Engineers announces leadership transition, new hire
 Chief of Naval Operations visits NSWC Crane

SEPTEMBER

Bicentennial Torch to go through county next Tuesday night
 Don Bowling honored for years of service to county
 Council approves corrections' salaries, honors Whitey Hawkins
 Artist brings experience to Shoals School's mural project
 County can give raises after two days of budget cuts
 Loogootee resident upset over nuisance dogs in the city
 Legion planning veteran parade, blood drive
 Animal control topic of another county meeting
 Martin County's jobless rate at 4.1 percent for August
 Vehicle crash east of Shoals claims a life

Loogootee School continues building improvements
 Commissioners approve jail ordinance
 Shop and Taste of Martin County to be held October 17

OCTOBER

County employees upset over salary changes
 Dwight Bauernfiend receives High School Equivalency diploma
 City council talks dogs, ambulance service
 Author to donate book proceeds to Martin County Historical Society
 Bicentennial committee looking for items for time capsule
 NSWC Crane innovation event shines national spotlight on Indiana
 Learn about proposed Shoals Historic District on October 27
 ICO honored (Indiana Conservation Officer Tony Mann was recently selected as the 2016 District 7 Hunter Education Officer of the Year.)
 Tri Kappa turning 75 years old
 Complaints prompt meeting with ambulance service
 Loogootee School says goodbye to English teacher (Lacy Jeffers)
 Jug Rox Adult Boosters to host Fall Festival this Saturday
 Martin County jobless rate at 4.1 percent in September

NOVEMBER

City looking to add zoning regulations
 Groups to host veteran ceremony, guest speaker, Idol runner-up
 Republicans dominate 2016 General Election
 Loogootee Pool ends five-month season with \$15,000 loss
 Sheriff tells council the jail is under-

staffed
 Loogootee moving forward with zoning
 Loogootee Water Office changes location
 County health insurance going up 14.4 percent
 RSVP honors Martin, Daviess county volunteers
 New rates established at West Boggs Park
 Deer in the roadway causes two-vehicle crash with injuries
 Martin County's jobless rate at 3.7 percent for October
 WestGate Tech Park to add new facility, caps off 10th anniversary year with new 10-year lease
 Loogootee Christmas Parade this Sunday
 Traffic stop uncovers 78 grams of marijuana packaged for distribution
 Thanksgiving Day welfare check leads to nine arrested in Loogootee

DECEMBER

County council okays sheriff to hire jail officer
 County's time capsule to be buried Sunday
 State forest gives county timber money
 City council split on what should be discussed at their meeting
 Alex Tedrow chosen at 2017 Lilly Scholar
 DNR shares timber-sale revenue with 12 counties
 Martin County's jobless rate stays at 3.7 percent for November
 Survey looking for Martin County residents' opinion on housing
 Loogootee boy headed to LA

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

We have been on a weather roller coaster lately, and that trend appears to be continuing. We are expected to dip to temperatures in the low 20's for a few days, but highs will climb back to the 50's in a few days. This freeze-thaw cycle makes gardening in southern Indiana a challenge. The alternating temperatures will cause the ground to heave, often forcing the root systems of plants out of the ground. Plants that were planted in the fall are especially susceptible to damage from heave. If the roots are forced above the ground and remain so until another freeze, they will often be damaged or even killed. Diligence in inspecting the garden is necessary. On the warm days, inspect the plants you set out in the fall and see if the roots have been heaved out of the soil. If necessary, press the roots back into the soil. I usually do this by simply stepping around the base of the plant.

While on these inspection tours, you may notice that there are weeds growing in your garden beds. These winter weeds are often some of the toughest plants to battle. You may cut them away on the days when you can get in the garden, but many of them, such as dandelion, are perennials with long tap roots, so they will grow back. However, if you are one who uses chemical weed killers, the days when temperatures are in the 50's may present chances to kill off some weeds. However, use caution; there are some ornamental plants that also remain through the winter and chemical weed killers are not very selective. Some of these winter weeds are actually edible. Chickweed, nettles and dandelions make delicious salad additions. I recently added some chickweed to a supermar-

ket salad blend and it made a rather dull winter salad actually taste good. Dandelion greens harvested on warm winter days provide some of the greatest flavors of the salad world. It may be noted that some of these free greens are also higher in nutritional value than many of the salad greens that one may purchase at the supermarket. Our ancestors knew this well. Such greens provided the vitamins to combat scurvy and other diseases in times when fresh vegetables were otherwise unavailable. I do caution that one should not eat just anything growing in the gardens. There are some plants that are poisonous. Make sure you can identify a plant and know if it is edible. This plant knowledge is something that has been lost to most people in recent years. It is sad that people suffer from poor nutrition when there is nutritious food available for free.

Finally, I would offer some suggestions for disposing of Christmas trees. In some towns, there are sites where trees may be taken to be ground into mulch. If that service is not available to you, you may consider repurposing the tree. If you enjoy feeding the birds, you may prop the tree up to provide cover for the birds. You may also cut off branches to use to cover plants that need extra protection from the winter weather. If you own a pond, you may tie the tree to a concrete block and sink it to provide protection to small fish. If you cut off the branches, the center trunk may be put to many uses in the garden, including providing support for plants that need some help standing erect. Some people even use the trunk to craft ornaments that will be a part of future Christmas celebrations.

Indiana Parks Alliance releases "Outdoor Bucket List"

If you are looking for a "bucket list" of places to go and things to do this year, the Indiana Parks Alliance (IPA) has what you need.

During the centennial celebration for Indiana State Parks in 2016 and in preparation for the 50th anniversary of the Nature Preserves Act this year, the IPA asked Hoosiers to select their top "outdoor bucket list" visit locations at Indiana State Parks and State-Dedicated Nature Preserves.

The top 15 vote-getters were:

Hike a trail of boulders left by the last glacier and climb the ladders of Trail 3 at Rocky Hollow-Falls Canyon Nature Preserve at Turkey Run State Park.

Explore the Pioneer Village at Spring Mill State Park.

Watch the sunset on Lake Michigan at Indiana Dunes State Park.

Wade in the creek below the waterfall at McCormick's Creek State Park.

Visit a state park nature center to watch birds and learn about park wildlife.

Linger and enjoy the sunset at Hesitation Point in Brown County State Park.

Walk on the world-renowned 386-million-year-old fossil beds at Falls of the Ohio State Park.

Ride the refrigerated toboggan run at Pokagon State Park.

Visit Monroe Lake to search for bald

eagles in winter.

Sit by the fire in the historic Lonidaw Lounge in Potawatomi Inn at Pokagon State Park.

Stand beside the Great Mound at Mounds State Park and listen to the wind.

Explore the old-growth forest at Donaldson's Woods Nature Preserve in Spring Mill State Park.

Walk across the Cataract Covered Bridge at Cataract Falls State Recreation Area (Cagles Mill Lake).

Explore the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Plaza at Lincoln State Park.

Hike the narrow "backbones" of Pine Hills Nature Preserve.

Information about Indiana State Parks is at stateparks.IN.gov, and information about State-Owned Nature Preserves is at dnr.IN.gov/naturepreserve.

If 15 items is not enough for your bucket list, the remainder of the vote-getters can be seen at indianapark-salliance.org.

"There are some iconic features in our state parks and nature preserves," said Tom Hohman, president of IPA. "This list is a great guide for parents, grandparents and just about anyone, so you can make sure you discover what Indiana has to offer on public lands, and also find your own favorite outdoor places to enjoy."

4-H NEWS

By Stacy Brown
Martin County Purdue
Extension Educator



State Fair Queen Pageant

Martin County's own 4-Her Kendall Riley is preparing for the 2017 State Fair Queen Pageant. She will compete January 7-8 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. The public is welcome, so go up and cheer Kendall on as she represents Martin County.

Tickets are \$10 and are available at www.ticketmaster.com. Just type in IN State Fair Queen Pageant in the search bar.

Camps, Conferences, & Trips

Recently application of interest forms for state camps, conferences, and trips were sent to all 4-H families. If you are thinking of attending any of these events, please fill out the form and send it back to the Extension Office. More information will be sent to you as it becomes available.

4-H Scholarships Available

The following scholarships are available through 4-H. Scholarship applications must be submitted through 4Honline.com by January 25, 2017. To for more information about the scholarships please visit <http://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/scholarships.aspx>

4-H Accomplishment Scholarship—Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors, and College Freshmen are eligible to apply.

4-H Foundation Scholarship—All Seniors are eligible for this state and county scholarship.

4-H Club Scholarship—Seniors in high school or those who are currently enrolled in a post-secondary institution and will be transferring to Purdue University in the fall semester.

4-H Camp Counselors Needed

The weather may be getting colder, but we are already thinking about 4-H Camp 2017. Any currently enrolled 4-H member grades 9-12 may apply to be a camp counselor. This is an amazing opportunity to grow as a leader, make new friends, learn new things, and have a ton of fun. There are two required trainings for camp counselors. The first is March 5. This is an all-day training in Spencer County. The second is on May 30 with times to be determined. If you are interested in applying to be a counselor, please contact Stacy at the Purdue Extension office (812) 295-2412. Before you apply make sure you re-enroll in 4-H for 2017 at 4Honline.com.

Become a Volunteer

Volunteers for 4-H have the unique opportunity to grow true leaders in our community. Volunteering can be as active as leading a 4-H club or just helping out at fair time. Volunteers learn educational programs to take out to community youth. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please call the Purdue Extension Martin County office at (812) 295-2412.

Enrollment Deadline for 4-H 2016-2017 Is Fast Approaching

If you are interested in 4-H or know someone who is now is the time to start planning to join us for another great year in Martin County. Any child grades 3 through 12 may join 4-H. We also have a future 4-H program for kids in grades K-2. While most 4-Hers concentrate on projects for the fair, the program is about much more than exhibits. 4-H teaches leadership, community service, independence, confidence, and many other life skills. There are clubs and projects that focus on livestock judging, shooting sports, robotics, and junior leadership. Each year there are dozens of opportunities for youth to attend workshops, conference, and camps focusing on career choices, diversity, and cooperation. 4-H is a great way to meet new friends and learn to make the best better.

If you have any questions or would like information sent to you about enrolling for 4-H, please contact the Martin County Purdue Extension office at 812-295-2412.

Opportunities to Help 4-H Grow in Martin County

Almost everyone in Martin County has either been involved in 4-H or knows someone who has been a part of this great youth organization. Over the years, 4-H has helped to develop life skills, teach responsibility, offer opportunities, award scholarships, and much more to Martin County youth. The program has been growing true leaders since its inception and many 4-Hers have gone on to become actual leaders of the community. As 4-H continues to grow in the 21st Century, the cost of maintaining the space needed for programming also grows. Now is your chance to give back to an organization that has given so much to the young people in the area. The Martin County 4-H Council has launched a fundraising campaign for the upcoming year. Businesses that donate will have their names listed on a plaque in the Community Building. Donations of \$5,000+ will receive a platinum status, \$1,000-\$4,999 will receive a gold status, \$500-\$999 will receive a silver status, and donations of \$100-\$499 will receive a bronze status. Individuals may donate as well and any donation is appreciated. We also have a 4-H recipe book containing all the recipes submitted to the 2016 fair. They are \$5 and available at the Purdue Extension-Martin County office. All donations will go toward maintaining the fairgrounds and buildings so future 4-Hers and the community can continue to benefit from programming. To donate please contact the Purdue Extension Office at 812-295-2412.

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2016: Businesses commit to 20,000+ new Hoosier jobs, record wages

In 2016, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) secured 227 commitments from companies across the country and around the world to locate or grow in Indiana. Together, these businesses plan to invest nearly \$3.7 billion in their Indiana operations and create 20,320 new Hoosier jobs in the coming years.

“Since day one of my administration, job creation has been job one and today more Hoosiers are working now than ever before,” said Governor Mike Pence. “Through sound policies and fiscal management, we have remained focused on creating a low-tax, low-cost, limited regulation business environment that has helped create record employment and investment in Indiana. Today, we celebrate the fact that Indiana ranks first in the Midwest and fifth in the nation for business, offering a world-class workforce and the tools needed for business growth. I am confident that Indiana will continue its economic success under the leadership of Governor-elect Holcomb, who will work tirelessly to ensure ample job opportunities exist for Hoosiers across the state.”

These 20,320 new positions are expected to pay an average hourly rate of \$25.43, or more than \$52,800 annually, which is the highest annual average achieved since the IEDC was established in 2005. This average wage is 20 percent higher than the state’s 2015 average wage of \$21.21/hour and is a 17 percent increase from the IEDC’s average committed wage in 2014.

“As Indiana’s unemployment rate fell to a 15-year low this year, our state’s strong economy has allowed the IEDC to be laser focused on helping companies create high-wage Hoosier jobs by strategically focusing on advanced, skilled industries that offer future growth opportunities in every corner of

the state,” said Jim Schellinger, president of the IEDC. “Today more Hoosiers are working than ever before, and with the IEDC’s strategic focus, Hoosiers are working for steadily rising wages. This year, the average wage of jobs committed to the IEDC increased by 56 cents per hour, or more than \$22 per week, which will allow Hoosiers to put more money in their pockets and create more opportunities for their families. As Indiana enters its third century, we will continue these efforts and, in sync with the Indiana Regional Cities Initiative and the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Initiative, together we will take Indiana to the next level and ensure that quality employment opportunities are available for all Hoosiers.”

IEDC incentives offered for these 227 commitments are conditional, meaning a company must create Hoosier jobs in order to be eligible to receive incentives, and are based on new payroll for Hoosiers. The IEDC offered an average incentive of \$0.17/payroll dollar in 2016, which is a decrease of 19 percent from 2015, saving taxpayer money while simultaneously attracting high-wage jobs and new investment to the Hoosier state.

Top Trends: Indiana’s manufacturing, agribusiness and logistics sectors continue to grow as new industries like aviation and defense, cybersecurity, life sciences and technology are experiencing unprecedented growth. Top trends from 2016 include:

- **Technology:** Indianapolis added 5,423 tech jobs between 2013 and 2015, growing at a rate of 28 percent and ranking fifth in the nation for tech growth. In 2016, the IEDC secured 43 commitments in the tech industry, which includes growth from companies like Salesforce, Determine, Safe Hiring Solutions, MOBI, Knowledge Services and Torchlight. These expansions account for 5,236 planned Hoosier jobs and more than \$158 million in planned capital investment in Indiana. The tech positions are expected to pay an average hourly wage of \$33.36, which is 57 percent higher than the state’s average wage.

- **Manufacturing:** Indiana is a national leader in manufacturing job growth, with one-fifth of all Hoosiers working at more than 8,500 manufacturing facilities throughout the state, making Indiana home to the highest concentration of manufacturing jobs in the nation. In 2016, IEDC secured 119 commitments from manufacturers like Aisin USA Manufacturing, Ryobi Die Casting, Honda and General Motors. Together, the state’s manufacturing expansions account for more than \$2.75 billion in planned investment, creating up to 9,850 new jobs.

- **Agribusiness:** Indiana’s growing agriculture industry supports more than 107,000 Hoosier jobs and contributes an estimated \$31 billion to the state’s economy each year. This year, IEDC secured commitments from agribusinesses such as Ken’s Foods, DowDumont, Krone North America, Blue Buffalo and Walmart.

- **International Investment:** This year, 26 foreign-based companies committed to locate in or grow in Indiana, planning to invest \$591.2 million in the Hoosier state and create 1,915 new Hoosier jobs.

Twelve of these commitments were from Japan-based business leaders,

together making plans to create more than 900 new Hoosier jobs. Companies like Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corporation, Tsuchiya Group North America, Toyota Material Handling US and two Subaru suppliers – ELSA Corporation and Moriden America – all announced plans to expand in Indiana. Among all U.S. states, Indiana has the largest amount of Japanese investment per capita.

Top Announcements: The top five job announcements, as ranked by the number of new jobs committed from 2016, include:

- **Salesforce**, which is one of the world’s fastest growing software companies, announced plans in May to expand its Indiana operations, committing to invest more than \$40 million over the next 10 years and to create up to 800 new jobs by 2021. To accommodate its growth, the company will establish a new regional headquarters in downtown Indianapolis, which will be branded as Salesforce Tower Indianapolis, contributing to the city’s skyline.

- **Allied Solutions**, a large distributor of insurance, lending and marketing products to financial institutions across the country, announced plans in January to expand its Indiana headquarters, committing to invest \$32.9 million in facility updates and to create 600 new jobs by 2025.

- **MOBI**, a global software provider of Managed Mobility Services (MMS), announced plans in September to expand its operations, committing to in-

vest more than \$11.5 million in office space and hardware and to create up to 521 new jobs by 2020.

- **Republic Services Inc.** (NYSE: RSG), an industry leader in U.S. recycling and non-hazardous solid waste, announced plans in February to establish a customer resource center in Fishers, committing to invest \$13.6 million and to create up to 469 new jobs 2025.

- **Knight Transportation**, a truckload transportation and logistics service company, announced plans to open the company’s new Regional Operations Center in Indiana, committing to invest \$4.6 million and to create up to 426 new jobs by 2021.

Other top announcements by number of new jobs and investment include: Knowledge Services, Kohl’s Department Stores, Safe Hiring Solutions, Schlage Lock Company, Sallie Mae, GEP Fuel & Energy Indiana, Walmart, Blue Buffalo, Aisin USA Manufacturing, Ryobi Die Casting, Ken’s Foods, ELSA Corporation and General Motors.

Last week’s news comes at a time when more Hoosiers are working than ever before in the state’s 200-year history. Indiana’s unemployment rate stands at 4.2 percent, which marks the state’s lowest unemployment rate since 2001, standing below the national average of 4.6 percent as well as all of Indiana’s neighboring states. Since January 2013, Indiana has secured 1,096 commitments from businesses, creating 168,000 Hoosier jobs.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF EAST FORK WATER, INC.

The annual meeting of East Fork Water, Inc. will be held January 30, 2017, commencing at 7:30 p.m. at the office, located at 213 S. Main Street in Shoals, Indiana. Directors for North Rutherford, West Perry, South Center, and Lost River townships will be elected. Members are invited to attend.

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